

TOADFLAX BROCADE IN SURREY. — Whilst belatedly examining some moths caught in a mercury vapour trap at Bookham in Surrey on 13th July 1970, I came across a single specimen of the Toadflax Brocade, *Calophasia lunula* Hufn. — P. A. SOKOLOFF, 26 Pinchbeck Road, Green Street Green, Orpington, Kent. 28.viii.1971.

RECENT CAPTURES. — A single male *Enargia paleacea* Esp. came to our mercury vapour light in Tilgate Forest on 16th July 1971, an unusually early date and an unusual locality for this species. The specimen was taken by Miss J. E. Marshall. A male *Sterrrha vulpinaria* H.-S. came to Miss Marshall's light in her garden at Waddon (South Croydon). This is not far from the old course of the River Wandle, and may indicate spread westwards, or it could indicate an old isolated colony. Among the more interesting visitors to my light trap in my garden at Selsdon have been *Harpyia bicuspis* Borkh. 1♂ June 1970; *Hadena compta* Schiff. 1♂ 1.viii.1971, 1♂ 8.vii.1971; and *Polia nitans* Haw., 4 in July, the first I have seen in this area in forty years. I took a specimen of *Nola albula* Schiff. at Winspit in Dorset on 1.viii.1971.—E. H. WILD, 112 Foxearth Road, Selsdon, Surrey CR2 8EF. 28.viii.1971.

CLOSSIANA SELENE (SCHIFF.): A SECOND BROOD SPECIMEN. — As second brood examples of this species are unusual in Britain, it is worth recording the capture of a very fresh female in a wood near Plaistow, north west Sussex, on 27th August 1971. It differs greatly from females of the first brood, which were abundant in the same area in June: much smaller (40 mms against 45/50 mms), the ground colour darker brown, the black markings stronger and more extended, the row of marginal spots pale cream and very prominent by contrast. "South", plate 66, fig. 6, shows a male of the second brood; but this, though small, is paler, not darker, than males of the first brood.—R. F. BRETHERTON, Folly Hill, Birtley Green, Bramley, Surrey. 28.viii.71.

HAPALOTIS VENUSTULA HUBN. (LEP. NOCTUIDAE) IN N. W. KENT.—The attraction of five specimens of this local insect to lights at Dartford in 1970 was reported in *Ent. Rec.* 82: 332. This year over two dozen have appeared in the trap in my garden on 7th and 8th June, and from 22nd June to 10th July, with a maximum of five on 26th June, indicating a flourishing breeding colony in the adjacent Joyden's Wood, Bexley.

In the 1930s this was largely dense deciduous woodland and would not have afforded a suitable habitat for *H. venustula*. At present much of it is in a transition stage between this and coniferous plantation, with young conifers already planted by the Forestry Commission.

The colony should flourish for a number of years, but subsequent decline must be inevitable. — B. K. WEST, 36 Briar Road, Bexley, Kent. 11.viii.1971.